



Clinical Hyperbaric Safety Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ)

The American College of Hyperbaric Medicine (ACHM), in collaboration with the American Professional Wound Care Association (APWCA), invites facilities and professionals to apply for the Clinical Hyperbaric Safety Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) — the premier credential in hyperbaric medicine.

This program affirms a facility's commitment to patient safety, team competency, and evidence-based practice, while demonstrating compliance with nationally recognized standards under the oversight of the ACHM Safety Committee.

Eligibility

Hospitals and Free-Standing Centers delivering hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT). Safety Directors responsible for chamber operations and compliance. Clinical Teams (physicians, nurses, technicians) seeking recognition of competency within ACHM-accredited sites.

Submission Requirements

A complete application must include:

- Institutional Information
- Leadership & Governance
- Training & Competency
- Clinical Standards & Safety Protocols
- Quality & Outcomes
- Site Accreditation Readiness (if applicable)

Application Process

1. Submit application package electronically via ACHM secure portal.
2. Safety Committee review and request for additional documentation if needed.
3. Virtual or on-site evaluation (as required).
4. Decision and certificate issuance within 90 days.

Fees

- Facility-Level Accreditation: \$5,000
- Additional costs: Flight (coach) and two days' surveyor expenses.

Renewal Requirements

- Valid for 3 years.
- Renewal requires updated training, safety documentation, and outcomes.
- Sites must remain in good standing with ACHM.

Why Achieve the ACHM CAQ?

- Establishes your site as a leader in hyperbaric safety.
- Demonstrates compliance with national standards.
- Recognizes team competency and commitment to quality outcomes.